Medical Registration.

17. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state how many of the applications for registration under the Medical Registration Act have failed to receive consideration hitherto?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: All applications received within the statutory period have been duly considered.

Visha Vaidyasalas.

18. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of grant paid to Visha Vaidyasalas during 1120?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: The amount of grant paid to Visha Vaidyasalas in 1120 was Rs. 4,140.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether the Government have taken any statistics regarding the number of people dying on account of snake bite?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: No.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know the number of grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasalas in the State at present?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: At the end of 1120 there were 25 grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasalas in the State.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether applications are pending for the grant of Visha Vaidyasalas?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: I claim notice of that question.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker (*Mavelikara and Thiruvalla* cum *Pattanamthitta:* May I know whether there is any institution where practical training is given in Visha Chikitsa?

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: Nobody dies on account of snake bite.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know whether any training is given on the subject?

President: I thought all these were hereditary secrets in the hands of some families. I don't know whether there is any book on the subject. There is no such philanthropic organization where the students are trained. It does not obtain anywhere.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: There are Visha Vaidyasalas where the Vaidyans treat snake bites. The students could be given practical training in these institutions.

President: I do not want to limit the curiosity of the honourable Member. The position is this in snake bite or any other bite. For example, there are rabbits or monkeys in the Guindy Institute, Madras. They are bitten by snakes and

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[President.]

their symptoms are noted. I know it; in fact, I have learned it at some cost, because I was living near the place and used to hear the shriek of the monkeys when a friend of mine was experimenting on these animals. He has killed about 4,000 monkeys before he discovered a remedy. After all, we have not the idea in mind to kill these animals and Government have not been asked for any grant; and failing that, how can the honourable member expect that we should give practical training?

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: Sir, there are books on the subject and it will be easy to train students.

President: There is a Sanskrit book about four centuries old and it is very valuable. In fact, unless we take the modern scientific methods and try in the proper way just as our ancestors were doing we would not make any progress and there would be no training possible. There is nobody more anxious to encourage Visha Vaidya or Sidha Vaidya than myself.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: The Department should set up a medical institution.

President: There I agree.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know whether Government are aware that in the taluks of Thiruvalla, Karunagapally, Karthigapally and Mavelikara, snake bites and deaths are very prevalent and rampant?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Government are aware.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know whether there are grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasalas in any of these taluks?

M. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: I am sorry I have not got that information with me just now.

President: I will make enquiries. There are a large number of questions on the Visha Vaidyasalas. I should like to know what these Visha Vaidyasalas have got to do. Have they got any secret remedies?

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: There are ever so many ways of curing. Return bite is a common remedy.

President: Yes, I know. As a matter of fact, there was a well known lawyer, C. Ramachandra Rao, who was a hereditary physician for snake biting. It was said that the moment a telegram was sent to him after a snake bite, the man was cured. The only thing is that the telegram should reach him. One of his grandsons is still getting a good income out of this.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Recently, a Namboothiri was bitten by a snake 9 times and he bit back the snake 11 times. Finally, the snake died and the Namboothiri escaped.

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President : Such things have happened.

Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum.

19. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of out-patients treated in the Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum in 1120 ; and

(*b*) the number of in-patients treated up to Medom in 1121 ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : (*a*) 78,305.

(*b*) 593.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether there is a proposal to provide additional accommodation to the Ayurveda Hospital ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : Yes, Sir, there is a proposal.

Aeroplane.

20. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have purchased an aeroplane ;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the date of purchase and the cost ; and

(*c*) the purpose for which it is used ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise.

Aerodrome construction.

21. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any aerodrome under construction in Trivandrum;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the cost or the estimated cost for the same ;

(*c*) when the work was started ;

(*d*) if completed, the date of completion ;

(*e*) if not completed, the date on which it will be completed ; and

(*f*) whether the aerodrome will be in any way useful to the public of Travancore ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About Rs. 12 lakhs.

(*c*) In November 1945.

(*d*) Not completed.

(*e*) In about 5 months more.

(*f*) Yes.

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